

**UNAPPROVED MINUTES
CITY OF MILPITAS
PARKS, RECREATION AND CULTURAL RESOURCES COMMISSION**

Minutes: Regular Meeting of the Parks, Recreation and Cultural Resources Commission
Date of Meeting: November 1, 2004
Place of Meeting: Milpitas City Hall Committee Room, 455 E. Calaveras Blvd.

I. Call to Order Chairperson Munzel called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM

II. Flag Salute The Chair led the Commission in the Pledge of Allegiance

III. Roll Commissioners Present: Krommenhock, McGuire, Munzel, Serena and Tuason

Commissioners Absent: Gray and Ku

City Staff Present: Blair King, Assistant City Manager; Troy Fujimoto, Acting Associate Planner; James Lindsay, Acting Planning Manager; Bonnie Greiner, Recreation Services Manager; Lisa Ciardella, Recording Secretary

City Council Liaison Present: Council Member Polanski

IV. Alternates Alternate Serena was seated.

V. Agenda MOTION to approve the agenda for November 1, 2004, as submitted.
M/S: McGuire/Tuason
Ayes: (5) Krommenhock, McGuire, Munzel, Serena and Tuason
Absent: (2) Gray and Ku

VI. Minutes MOTION to approve the minutes from the October 4, 2004, meeting as submitted.
M/S: McGuire/Krommenhock
Ayes: All Ayes
Absent: (2) Gray and Ku

VII. Citizen's Forum NA

VIII. Announcements/Correspondence

Bonnie Greiner, Recreation Services Manager made the following announcements:

- The Veteran's Day Ceremony will be held November 11, 2004 at 9:00 A.M. The Ceremony will be held at the Milpitas Veterans Memorial Park in the Milpitas Civic Center Plaza. This Veterans Day Ceremony is being held to celebrate the 50th anniversary of Veterans Day and to honor local men and women who have served our country in the cause of freedom.
- The Tree Lighting Ceremony and Community Sing-A-Long will be held Wednesday, December 1, 2004 at City Hall. We'll be "Rockin' Through the Holiday" as we welcome the holiday season and enjoy music from each decade Milpitas has been a city.
- "Milk and Cookies with Santa" will be held Saturday December 11, 2004. Tickets will be on sale beginning November 9, 2004.
- All City offices will be closed on November 11, 2004 in honor of Veteran's Day, November 25 and 26, 2004 in honor of Thanksgiving.

Commissioner Tuason commented that the gravel rocks along the trail at Gill Park are too large. He has noticed people using the street instead.

Commissioner McGuire announced that Spangler elementary held their clean up day and approximately 200-300 volunteers assisted.

IX. New Business

1. Proposed Elm Park area related to the Elmwood Residential Development. (Troy Fujimoto, Acting Associate Planner)

At the November PRCRC meeting, KB Home presented a portion of the parks related to the proposed 683 unit Elmwood residential development. The applicant has returned to the Commission to receive preliminary feedback on the level and type of park improvements being proposed in the park area around the Elm tree grove located to the east of South Abel St. Park amenities include play equipment, including swings and tot-lot, trails through the area and a historic interpretive display.

Blair King, Assistant City Manager, reported that the Elms are a historical element of the area. Studies of the Elms have been completed and recommend removing the Elms. There will be a historical interpretive display explaining the importance of the Elm trees.

Mr. King explained that new trees may be propagated from the seeds of the current elms or from the scion wood collected from the grove.

Chairperson Munzel explained that these trees are a part of our history. Commissioner Krommenhock added that maybe the trees have reached the end of their lives. Chairperson Munzel suggested some of the wood should be salvaged from the trees that are removed.

A KB Home representative explained that the drawback of using the original trees is the chance of spreading diseases. If new trees are used, they are much less prone to disease. According to the report done in March of 2004, the project could consider tree management options if trees are not removed. The representatives explained that the trees are mature in age, and are in declining health and have a history of failure. The report does state that the trees in the best health and structure are trees numbered 221, 246, 251, 252, 253, 254 and 255, but if those are retained all activities within their fall zone must be excluded. KB representatives reiterated to the commission that these seven trees are in poor condition and that the recommendation is to remove and replace all of the elms.

MOTION to preserve trees numbered 221, 246, 251, 252, 253, 254 and 255. The seeds from the trees should be propagated and the seven trees shall be replaced as needed.

M/S: Tuason/Serena

Ayes: All Ayes

Absent: Gray and Ku

Mr. King responded that in light of this motion to preserve those seven trees, the park location and amenities will have to be re-visited because of the report done in March 2004 which states "... exclude all activity within their fall zone".

MOTION to preserve the wood from the trees that are removed to be used to make commemorative plaques.

M/S: Krommenhock/McGuire

Ayes: All Ayes

Absent: Gray and Ku

Regarding the amenities that are to be located at the park, chairperson Munzel commented that restrooms are again missing from the plan. Mr. King responded that there is a “pad” close to Abel where a restroom could go. Mr. King further reported that more shade structures have been added as well as additional parking and a playground area close to Main St.

Mr. Lindsay reported that keeping the trees will impact the amenities of the park area. Chairperson Munzel and the commission agreed that it is ok if there are fewer amenities in order to preserve the trees.

Mr. King told the Commission that their suggestions would now go to the City Council.

XII. Staff Reports

NA

XIII. Liaison Reports

1. City Council

Council Member Polanski reported the following:

- The Harvest Festival was held on Saturday October 16, 2004. The biggest hit of the festival was the train.
- The 50th anniversary committee met and they are holding a time capsule contest through November 15, 2004. The committee is also taking suggestions of where to bury the time capsule. The tentative plan is to bury the time capsule on January 26, 2005.

2. Community Advisory Commission (CAC)

None

3. Senior Advisory Commission (SAC)

Bonnie Greiner, Recreation Services Manager, reported the following:

- Renovations are continuing to the Sal Cracolice Building. A new lunch window has been installed, the staff area has been extended, private offices have been added, new carpet has been installed and painting has been done.

4. Planning Commission

Commissioner Tuason reported that 6 Telecomm antennas are going to be installed at the Sports Center.

5. Youth Advisory Commission (YAC)

The Youth Advisory Commission’s next meeting will be held November 18, 2004.

6. Milpitas Historical Society

Bob Burrell, President of the Historical Society reported the following:

- Sixty Five people came to the showing of “Milpitas Monster”
- At the next meeting there will be a presentation about the Ohlone Indians.
- At the January meeting there will be a presentation about the Milpitas Pioneers

7. Arts Commission

Commissioner Krommenhock reported that she would like Milpitas host a training session for new commissioners. The City of Milpitas would provide the meeting space and purchase the lunches, for which we will get reimbursed. We set our own date for the training. Ms. Greiner will have staff look into the availability of our facilities and get back to the commission.

Commissioner Krommenhock also reported that she attended the NRPA conference in Reno.

8. Alviso Adobe Sub-committee (Commissioner Gill, McGuire, Munzel)

None.

XIV. Future Agenda Items

Open Space Authority.

XV. Adjournment

There being no further business, the Chair adjourned the meeting at 8:37 PM to the next scheduled meeting on November 1, 2004, at the Milpitas City Hall Committee Room.